NAMED IN A SAVAGE FIGHT.

AN INTERESTING TOWN IS SOCORRO OF NAW MEXICO.

A Curtons Mingling of Conservative Old Mexicans, Pushing Miners, and Whooptor Cowboys-Resorts That Surgested Talry Tales-Night Scenes in Beath Alles-The Gold in Lost Guich-Tales From a Town That Has Had Its Spree.

Soconno, N. M., Aug. 1.-Here is a glimase and no more at the story of one of the most h. teresting towns in the desert West. It was named in the midst of a flerce battle between the savages of the arid plains and the no les cruel and relentless whites that dominates the Spanish Main; it survived when a great city near by, Gran Quivers, became a crumbling ruin; it was an ancient town before the American Declaration of Independence was written; it alternately slept in the sweltering sunshine, and made the welkin ring in honor of all the saints known to the ritual; it time.

of the American nation should study Socorre

It is just 213 years since a party of Spanlards

from some of the Mexican settlements, while

marching up the west bank of the Rio Grande,

found their way opposed by a band of Indians

so great that even the terrifying guns of the whites were not sufficient to prevail against

them. The Indians made a number of as-

saults, which were repulsed, but instead of

drawing away altogether they sat down to besiege the Spaniards. Thereupon, so the story runs, the Spaniards dug clay from under

their camp, mixed it with the water of the

river (which was then beeming so as to form

a sure cover for the 'rear' and built a 'dobe

wall about two feet thick and higher than a

man's head across the front of the camp. They

pierced this wall with convenient loopholes, and being then secure from the flights of Indian arrows, sat down as the Indians had done to wait for something to happen.

It appears now that the Indians had the best of the waiting. They were able to get supplies of game, while the Spaniards were soon very short of supplies. In this emergency one of

THE OLD CHURCH TOWER.

those unnamed heroes, of whom the frontier has seen scores and hundreds, volunteered to go for help, and, swimming the river by night, disappeared. After he had gone, the situation of the bosiescel whites became rapidly more desperate, and in some way the Indians learned their condition. Impatient of longer delay, and certain of victory because of the starving condition of the whites, the Indians gathered for a final assault on the adobe breastwork. They were in the thick of the fight, and were even scaling the wall, when the shouts of the desporate Spanlards were unexpectedly answered by exultant cries from the rear of the sayage enemy.

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On a hot afternoon in summer I left the train on the Santa Fo Bailroad and was driven, in a sort of carryall, to the Park Hotel. The

Park was built with 'dobe walls, a single story high, in the form of a right-angled figure 2, many rods long. It stands tail end onto a little park in the centre of town, and there are grass plots and trees and verandas within the spaces on which the rooms in this queer-shaped house are faced. These, with a gentle breeze and the sight of the irrigating stream, made the place very cool and refroshing. A smilling darkey took me to a room out near the rear end of the house, and, after such a show of interest in the arrangement of thinks as nothing short of a dime would reward, he paused by the door and, looking off across the grassy plot, said:

"Didn't see dat ole 'dobe wall over da, did you, sait? I reckon hit's de ol'est wall in dese yere parts. Mighty quare doin's 'bout dat ole wall, eah."

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A MEXICAN BACK YARD.

Socorro have, with excellent judgment preserved their old wall entire. The citizens of the town who, like Dr. W. S. McKeller, have a taste for historical and antiquarian subjects, take a pride in helping the tourist of like tastes in tracing out the many points of interest to be found about the place and surrounding country.

From this old wall of defence one goes naturally to the old church. It is found interesting in a variety of ways. Itarely can one find anywhere such a massive and imposing pile of unburned clay. The churches to the south in old Mexico excite the wonder of the tourist by their rails of solid silver and their walls overlaid with gold and by the massive walls of stone, but here is a church wall of mud that is as venerable as they are. No gold or silver worth mentioning are to be found within, but there are no end of paintings to attract the attention. To some eyes these pictures of the saints will seem, because of sentiment, to be beautiful, while to the unsentimental they will seem to be indeed. To all they are quite sure to be interesting, because they enable one to get an insight into the mental calibre of the worshippers.

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SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, THE NEW AMERICAN QUARTERS,

an old time Grist Mill.

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AN OLD TIME GRIST MILL.

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banker replaced huts built to shelter guards employed to drive corotes from melon patches, and broad wooden pavements took the place of burro and sheep trails. The smallest coin of the town was the California short bit—a ten-cent pieco—and that was not in much demand, for beers sold at two for a quarter. A miner got \$4.50 a day, a laborer \$3, and a waiter girl at a hotel \$40 a month, with such privileges and opportunities in life as made them think the \$40 the least of the inducements to enter the service.

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J. Hardy



THE TREE WITH A HANDY LIMB THAT SHADED

DEATH ALLEY,

The tree with a handy Limb that shaded Death alley.

It is an interesting fact that after the acquittal of Baca, Col. Frank Chavis, the prosecuting attorney, "was walked out of town," to quote the record, Baca disappeared, and Judge Farks, was not found.

After a long time Joe Fowler came to town, Joe was from Texas, and had a reputation to support, and \$50,000 to use in supporting it. They say he had killed seven men before he reached town. He got his eighth land last here, one James K. Cole. Towler was having a lot of fun making a man dance by threatening him with two revolvers when Cole came into the salcon and disarmed the bully, so Fowler, being that kind of a tough, worked up his courage with liquer, got the drop on Cole by accident, and stabbed him to death.

"A kind-hearted Mexican jury, averse to inflicting the death benaity," according to the record, found him guilty, and he was sentenced to die. An appeal was taken, and while it lay before the court the Governor called out the militia to guard him. Col. E. W. Eaton of the militia tand also of the vigilance committee) had command of the squad. As the time for the decision on the appeal drew high Fowler sent for a relative. Ed Rousseau of Austin, Tex., with Ben Thompson and Wyatt Earp, whose reputation for desperate nerve was good. Rousseau came alone, but he gave it out that Fowler should naver be hurt by a vigilance committee, whatever the law might do. That was bad for Fowler, in spite of Eds nerve. While the decision was still unannounced the Governor of the Territory ordered the militia withdrawn from around the jail because there was no money to pay the men.

"It was a ricketty old jail," they say. "Col. Eaton did his duty faithfully as commander of the guard was found swaying to and fro with the lireze at the end of a rope thrown over the handy limb to the cottonwood that shades Death Aliey.

The next morning Ed Fowler's dead body was found swaying to and fro with the lireze at the end of a rope thrown over the handy limb to the cottonwood that



was the home of the lover and the stealth assassin. It awoke when American enterrise tradged in behind a prospector's broad at a straightway there was such a transfonation as only the American frontier couldroduce. It suddenly spread—bulged is a beer word—out of its old adobo limits and acess the plain. Its streets became thronged the driving hosts. The whoeping cowboy on its bronce came on the heels of the miner A census showed that 1.500 men and women the population were classed as sporting the acters. A tree with a handy limb, not far broaden at a straight way change his life of idle penury to one of vicious incurry. Who does not read with interest the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico—the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico—the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico—the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico—the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico—the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico—the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico—the stories of low mud houses with mud floors; of since placed, so all the way of Maxico to see these things. They are all right here in Socorro. They came here, as said, long before there was such a country known as the United States of America, and they have not not seen they came. The houses are the homelest found outside the low of the same the black within there is a broken pice of furniture. One looks find a house through an open door as into a cellar, for there is no window, as a rule, and the interest was such a cuntry the water of the dobe roof clear of the dobe wall. There are mud downstance when the such that the end of a rope that had been made. It is the dream of the idler of Secorro that some day with the marks and dark-eyed senorities—the

come the stories of deeds done in the dark and dark deeds. Monday night, Pec. 20, in 1889, was one of the wildest nights Socorro ever saw. It was like those nights when the Apaches came down out of the hills or when the padres fied with their gold to the lost guide in Strawberry Mountain. Close on the heels of the first miners had come the ploneer editor. His name was A. M. Conklin, and, to judge by such copies of his paper as remain, he was a very good editor. The pioneer Protestant preacher had come also, and there was land still is a Methodist church, although the name of the preacher has been forgotten. On Christinas eve. 1880, there was a Christmas ree at the Methodist church, and Editer Conklin was one of the ushers who distributed presents to

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the crowds in the seats. Among those present in the crowd were Juan. Abram. and Antonio Baca and a couple of other Mexicans, who, of course, were not Protestants. These men, for some remem, made themselves offensive during the services—put their feet on the seat in front of them and otherwise annoyed their neighbors. Conklin on request asked them to put their feet down, and they did it. Then they put their feet up again, and Conklin told them this time to put their feet on the floor, and keep them there, "or get out of the church."

That was a deep insult, which no Mexican honor could permit to go unavensed. Juan Baca and his three friends followed Conklin to the front of the church to urge him to step outside, but Conklin, as a man of peace, refused. So the Mexicans went out and stood about the door, laughing and chatting merrily till the doings were ended. Conklin was warned that they were waiting for bire, but he was not afraid, and went out talking to a friend. As he roached the step Juan Baca grabbed him, but Conklin pulled loose. Then Antonio grabbed him, but the friend pulled Antonio off. At that Juan began to fire. There was a stampede. The third bullet tore its way through Conklin's heart and buried itself in his backbone.

God have mercy on my soul," he said, and fell dead.

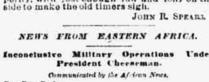
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fell dead.
Coroner Blackington, the only white county official there, took charge, and fixed the crime on Juan Baca and his friends, but as it was then late Saturday night, no warrants were issued until Monday. On that day the Sheriff, a Moxican, refused to serve them unless they were translated into Spanish. When this was done to please him he was not to be found for a long time, and when at last he was found, he

ONE OF THE OLDEST INHABITATES.

THE SMELTER.





Ret. Res. Taplor.

DEAR SIR: On the 8th of June. President Bassa, landed here. On Wednesday, 21st, the combined forces of Monrovia, Bassa, Cape one of the oldest inhabitates.

said through a closed door that he would neither serve the warrants nor come out of the house to talk the matter over.

At this the rumor spread over town that seventy-five well-armed Mexicans had gathered in the Sheriff's quarters to back him in his refusal to obey the law. That roused the Americans, and as the night had come and the workmen about town were at liberty, a force of over 200 armed men was gathered. One has to laugh now over the story of this gathering, especially on considering the reputation of mine camp men as marksmen. Two parties of these men met in a Mexican quarter street, each thought the other Mexicans, and both opened fire. Then the mistake was learned from the swearing heard above the rear of guns. But no one was hurt—the marksmanship was too bad. However, they gathered at the door of the Sheriff and butted it in with a scantling, whereat the Sheriff meekly agreed to do his duty, assisted by his son-in-law as deputy. The mob went along to encourage him. They located, as they supposed, their men in a 'dote house, but access was impossible because the door was too thick to be butted down. So the white men sent for dynamite, and when it came thirteen armed Mexicans filed out and

enemy, and opened fire on them, perhaps killing more of their own people than the enemy and done.

After this all were recalled, and they camped in Grebo town of Pluka till the 28th, expecting to renew the attack, when they discovered they had not enough ammunition to fight to a finish. No the President goes to Sierre Leone at once in the gunboat Gaironamah to telegraph to Germany for ammunition. The Liberian and Grebo loss was sixteen killed and thirty-four wounded. Of the Rock Town less it is impossible to learn definitely, but the Grebo warriors report it as much greater than their own. No prisoners are taken, and it is said neither woman nor child was spared in the two small towns taken.

On the 22d the Half Cavalla attacked Garaway. A number on each side were killed and wounded. I have drawn a rough map so you will get a little idea of our position.

An English man-of-war lies off the Cavalla River. A German war ship was in harbor a week ago. They came to punish Rock Town for firing on the German trade beats but the President of Liberia begged that they would leave them to him for punishment.

Cape Palmas, July 1, 1865. I. McNem.

The writer of the foregoing is one of Bishop Taylor's missionaries in Liberia. Another Taylor missionary, the Rev. A. L. Buckwalter, writes from Cape Palmas, Liberia, giving the following confirmatory report of the fighting:

"Last week the Liberian forces made an attack on Rock Town: they burned four towns and lost a number killed and about thirty wounded; the action was not decisive. It will likely be renewed before long, or as soon as an arona munition can be secured. Unless there is a final blow before long it will doubtless delay the building of our Pluka mission house."

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug 12-"The State Sunday School Convention will not be held in Why not ?" queried the correspondent.

delivered up their arms. But only one of the murilerers was there, and he was not a Baca, for the Bacas had wisely fled from town.

The prisoner was taken to a shanty, and for sale keeping a white guard was mounted over him. They would not trust him in the Mexican Sheriff's care in the fail. But the murderer did not need a guard for a very long time. The guard went ic, so they said, to see if the prisoner was not digging his way out under the wall, and as they passed the door he fired on them, so they shot him to death. A revolver was found near his hand by the Chroner.

Then the citizens organized a vigilance committee. The positive refusal of the Sheriff to serve a lawful warrant—a refusal without the offer of any excuse made this step necessary, the citizens say, and there has been no man here to dispute them. Col. E. W. fatton was the Chalrman of the committee, and he is still an honored citizen of Socorro. The Executive Committee included Dr. G. H. Sowers, William T. De Baun, John H. Mills, James R. Irwin and Dr. William A. Dobbins. It was some months before they had work to do, but in the spring Antonio Bace was caucit.

"You've been around in Death Alley?" asked a citizen the next day after my servical in Socorro. "No? Thai's it, over there, josside the old 'dobe wall behind which the Spisiards fought off the Indians. See that cottonwood that shades it at the further sud—has a big limb reaching over it? The rope was thrown ever that limb for Antonic. We got Juan later. Singular Fatality Among College Professors, lish Literature in the Ohio State University years, and died. He was succeeded by Prof. Short, who died at the end of a four-years' occupany. Prof. A. H. Walsh then took the chair. He lived just four years, and was succeeded four years ago by Prof. A. H. Chaimers, who is dying at Sparta. Mich., where he was



handy limb to the cottonwood that shades Death Aliey.

The tourist is not unlikely to hear of others hanged there—of Juan Alvarid, a Mexican gambler, guilty of an outrageous crime, and of two hanged at once who were "just horse thieves." Several of the kind hub been acquitted, and it was thought that it would restrain cupidity and set a good example generally to swing them in Death Alley. "Might, quare doins bout dat ole wall, sah," as the darky porter said.

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Well, Socorro had her fling, and she kicked high, but a to-morrow with its headache had to come. The price of silver fell till the mines, as managed, did not pay profits. The range dried up year after year, till cattle first failed to pay dividends, and then destroyed the greater part of the capital of the cowmen. Most of the miners and cowboys and about all of the sporting men, with the devil in the form of Venus, "hit the trail." The old 'dobe houses, ugly without and of wondrows luxury within, were left as tenantiess and repellant as caves. The hastily built wooden shantles soon creaked and flapped in the wind, while glass jingled as the bad boys threw stones through unused windows. The boards of the broad side walks warped until the unwary pedestrian ruined many shoes on the up-drawn nail heads. There is nothing to compare with the picture of a desert town that has had its spice and is lying in the sun on the verge of the jimjams. It is unique, and therefore full of interest, and thoroughly worth the expense of a visit.

But let no one suppose that Socorro is done for. It was often in more desperate straits under Mexican rule, but survived. Socorro is not so pretty as it was, but it knows more. There are some men with money in Socorro is not so low in grade but that it can still be worked even with silver at 60 or 65 cents an ounce. They know that the day when any man who could handle a shoyel or push a dump car could call himself a miner and command Sia day is past. The wages of the common laborers have got to come down to \$1.50 or so a day while the expert miners must accept \$2.50 in place of the \$4.50 he has had. The owners must be con-



WHERE THE PLASH GIRLS LIVED IN THE MEXI-

tent with interest instead of dividends. The owners and men are alike discussing the inevitable with the hard motto in view that a
half loaf is better than no bread. The men of
this country can see into the ground or the
future as far as anylody, and they are rapidly
concluding that mining for minerals here is
to be in future a proposition much like
mining for iron or coal in the Fast—a business
of good moderate profits on large capital.
Secure with its smelter, its mills, its ores, and
its fleeday can look forward to a sendate prosporty, with just enough fun and folly on the
side to make the old timers sigh.

Lown R. Spranz.

Inconclusive Military Operations Under

Cheeseman and Gen. Shumannith, with 450 troops from Monrovia, and about 250 from combined forces of Monrovia, Bassa, Cape Palmas, and the Greboes allies attacked Bock Town. The attack was made in a pouring rain. They captured and burned two small towns, destroyed the barriende on the north of ficek. Town, and were in the town when Monrovian troops, who were making an attack from the back on the south, mistock the Greboes allies and Bassa troops for the snemy, and opened fire on them, perhaps killing more of their own people than the enemy and done.

No Sunday School Convention in McDowell

McDowell county, at any rate," said a prominent Sunday school officer yesterday.

"Why not?" queried the correspondent.

"The reason is simple enough. McDowell county has thirty-four prisoners in jail now, and only three or four weeks have clapsed since a term of court. All of the prisoners are charged with felony, and fourteen of them are alleged murderers. In addition to this, half the people carry winchesters and pittols, and the other half spends most of its time in trying to dodge the builtets."

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 11.-The chair of Engseems to carry with it a singular fatality to its occupants. First, Prof. Milliken held it four

THE SEARCH FOR ANNIE ORR.

TWO THEORIES ON WHICH THE SEEK ERS ARE WORKING. One In that the Minsing Girl In Sheltered to

BRIDGEPORT, Aug. 12.-Two weeks have elapsed since Annie Orr field from Castle View. During these two weeks fully 100 men have at various times crossed and recrossed the fields beaten the bushes, and tramped through the swamps for miles around, and yet they have found not so much as a footprint. For several days the search has been conducted in a sys-

of gypsies camping in the neighborhood. These bands remain in one spot for three or four weeks, and then wander for several days before they reach another camping spot. For several weeks preceding Annie Orr's flight one of these bands was camping near Moody's mill pend, at the foot of the hill upon which Castle View stands. In the excitement that provailed during the first few days after her flight no one noticed these gypsies. Several days ago, however, the suggestion was made that perhaps they might know something about the girl. It was then found that the gypsies had moved away. Mr. Orr found them camping about four miles from Moody's pond. They knew nothing about the girl, but promised that it they found any trace of Annie they would notify Mr. Orr at once. There are other



CASTLE VIEW-THE WINDOW THROUGH WHICH ANNIE JUMPED.

tematic manner under the direction of the chief of the Bridgeport police.

Each man was assigned to a particular sec-

tion of the country, and was directed to cover every inch of it. At the same time dozens of men, attracted, some by sympathy, others by the rewards which have been offered, have started with theories of their own to search more distant woods and swamps. Mr. E. P. Jones, the wealthy owner of the Meadowbrook Stock Farm, which lies about four miles from Castle View, has offered a reward for any information leading to the recovery of Annie Orr's body, and has sent four of his men to look for her. All these men have worked with varying assiduty, but with the same result.

There are but two theories now upon which the searchers are working. During the last few months there have been numerous bands

GERMANY'S TAXATION PLAN. A Revision of the Scheme that Was Proposed Informally.

Berlin, Aug. 12.-The Finance Committee, composed of delegates from the Federated States, will meet in Berlin immediately upon the completion of the holiday leave of Dr. Miquel, Prussian Finance Minister, in September. The semi-official announcement from Frankfort that the conference which was recently in session there had agreed to the general principles of the new taxation plan, is not eredited here. In the best-informed quarters quite the contrary is believed. Dr. Miquel, it is said, found considerable opposition to each leading proposal of the scheme. The South German Finance Ministers objected to the wine tax, and the other Finance Ministers opposed the tax on manufactured tobacco.

Consequently, Dr. Miquel will negotiate a compromise, according to the terms of which the wine tax will be dropped, provided the duty on tobacco be accepted, thus increasing the ratio of the value of tobaccs. The inland excise duty now levied by weight will be abolished, thus making free the cultivation of tobacco. The proposal of greatest interest to the foreign importer is that providing for a reduction of the tariff on imported tobaccos. The proposal is made with a view to prevent ing the inferior native products from crush-ing out of the market those of superior quality grown abroad. Minister Miquel also desires that a tax be placed upon advertisements and on matches, beside the imposition of a further tax on Boorse transactions. The Reichstag, it is expected, will burst into flame over the proposals touching tobacco, matches.

and advertisements. Count you Shouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador to Germany, has gone to St. Petersburg to try to counter the anti-German policy of Dr. Witte, the Russian Finance Minister. Gen. von Werder, the German Ambassador to Russia, has had an audience with the Czar. He was accompanied by Count von Shouvaloff, and both of them urged that a commercial entente be concluded between Russia and Germany.

It is reported that Dr. Witte, after the interview, declared to the Czar that he would re sign his office if the tariff war with Germany was abandoned without concessions by Germany. Dr. Witte is strongly supported by the Imperial Council, and the Czar was obliged to give way to him in the matter. Thereupon Dr. Witte authorized a semi-official an-

Dr. Witte authorized a semi-official announcement by the press yesterday that the Berlin Cabinet would be forced to accept the Russian conditions before a commercial catente could be obtained.

The latest developments of the struggle thus justify the official warnings issued here to the public not to trust the reports that a settlement of the tariff troubles was closs at hand. On Thursday the Emperor signed a decree adding fifty per cent to the duties collected on Finnish products imported into Germany. This increased tariff will practically cause the ruin of the leading branches of trade in Finland.

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The proceedings of the American Congress are watched with keen interest here. Fresident Cleveland's message gave Boerse orerators in this city and elsewhere in Germany the impression that silver was doomed, and this caused a heavy drop in the value of Mexican securities. There was intense general uneasiness over the commercial situation in America. The apparent strength of the silver men in Washington, coupled with the rise in the price of silver, led to a reaction of opinion, and Mexican securities have recovered three points since Thursday, even though it is asserted that the agents in Mexico of the Bielchroeders, the well-known German bankers, have information of an intended reduction in the rate of interest now paid on Mexican bonds.

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The proposed visit in September of Cardinal Ladechowski, Prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda Fide, to Berlin and Posen, the first time he will have visited those cities since he was expelled in 187t, is exciting all Catholic Germany. The Cardinal wante the quietest kind of a reception, but the Prussian Catholics are determined to give him a public ovation. The authorities at Posen and Gnesen, thirty miles from Posen, are preparing a series of fetes to be held in his honor. All these fetes are sanctioned by the Government. Emperor William will entertain the Cardinal during his stay in Berlin.

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The paralysis from which the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-tiothe is suffering is extending. The physicians who are in attendance upon him have notified the Duke of Edinburgh, second son of Queen Victoria, who is heir apparent to the dukedom, that the Duke's condition is critical.

Emperor William will return to Berlin on Monday, to review the Prussian Guards.

The King of Wurtemberg recommended to the Emperor that the manouverse in Wirtemberg should be abandoned, owing to the dearth of fodder and fears of cholers. The Emperor accepted the recommendation, and he will simply review the Wirtemberg troops at Stuttgart on Sept. 15.

An Unfounded Lumor About the Erie. The officers of the passenger department of the Eric Railway said yesterday that there was no foundation whatever for the statement in morning newspaper that the Erie Company had threatened to cut passenger rates to the World's Fair. There has been a determined effort on the part of some of the ticket brokers, or "scalpers," to create trouble among the trunk lines by their manipulations of the World's Fair excursion tickets, but so far their efforts have been entirely unsuccessful and in several instances their agents have been up gypsy camps and search for Annie Orr in them.

The other theory is that Annie Orr has been killed by some one who mether in the woods, and who, to hide his crime, concealed her body. This is the theory upon which the systematic search is progressing. The men examine the ground with the utmost minuteness, seeking such signs as footprints, broken ground, heaps of fresh earth, broken branches, and digging into the ground wherever they found such signs. To-morrow the miller at Moody's mill will open the gates of the pond and allow all the water to flow out, so that the bottom may be thoroughly examined.

This will be done at the request of the police, who say that the body might belying there, held down by heavy weights. The country around Casilo View is not so much infested by tramps as are other parts of the State, but still enough of them wander around here to give rise to the fear that this girl may have fallen into their hands. IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Documents of the First Fourteen Congresses Found in the Senate Basement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.-The former Assistant Librarian of the Senate, Mr. E. T. Cressey, has made a most important discovery among the 40,000 volumes, supposed to be useless, which have been accumulating for years in the basehave been accumulating for years in the base-ment of the Senate wing of the Capitol. After a search of months he has found seventy-nine volumes, hitherto supposed no to be in exist-ence, which comprise the Senate documents of the first thirteen Congressos and the House documents of the first nine. The Congressional Library, the Boston Public Library, and the British Museum are all without these, and the addition of them to the Senate Library makes it the most valuable in the world for reference ty the proceedings, debates, and documents of Congress.

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Almost from the adoption of the Constitution all decuments of the Senate and the House have been set aside in small numbers for the Secretary of the Senate. These were kept in bad order, if kept at all, and were scattered in various places. Just after the war, however, they were all collected into the Senate library, which occupies a number of almost impenetrable recesses in the upper part of the Senate wing, and also an equal number of still more difficult nooks and corners in the basement near the heating machinery. This last was a adry and safe place, but hardly anybody ever ventured within its doors. The 40,000 volumes accumulated there were all supposed to be extra ones. Mr. Cressey's discovery shows that they contained perhaps the richest single treasure in the country.

The volumes are in a good state of preservation, although they and many others stacked in this unexplored retreat show traces of the worms. Many of the backs, indeed, are entirely gone, but the pages are intact, and the Senate litrary may now boast that it has for reference complete documents of the Senate of the Second Congress.

A few of the seventy-nine volumes are bound in manuscript, just as they came from the authors, and some of them, as it is believed, have never been printed. During the first fourteen Congresses none of the documents were numbered, nor was their character indicated by marks; thus each must carefully be examined to ascertain whether it is an executive or a miscellaneous document or a committee report.

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Father Corr's Successor.

Bishop Wigger has appointed the Rev. Willlam H. Dornin to succeed the late Father P. M. Corr as pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Jer-sev City. Father Corr died in Ireland about two weeks ago while on a trip to Europe for

s health. Father Pornia is now pastor of St. Peter's burch. Believille. It is understood that the ev. Father Murphy of St. Lawrence's Church Weehawken will succeed Father Dornia at

This Child Not Eastly Killed.

Maude Smith. 4 years old, of 368 Wallabout

street. Williamsburg e. found a pint bottle constreet. Williamsburge, found a pint cettle con-taining whiskey on the kitchen table yester-day afternoon, and, as her parents were not about at the time, she drank the liquor. She became unconscious almost immediately and was removed to St. Catharine's Hospital. She railied under treatment and may recover.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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Sa Minister Mayback, from New York for Dover, off the ligard.

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FRANCE'S ELECTIONS NEAR.

CAMPAIGN OF ABUSE, WITH NA-TIONAL ISSUES SUNK.

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ment will be Benten - Not All of the Pannina Scandal Mis Bren Told - Why Certain Men of the (Liqu) Expect to Win. Paris, Aug. 12.-The electoral campaign in France now rages with hysterical fury. It is peculiarly French. The only issues which receive public attention are personal and local. There is not even a distinct struggle between the Socialists and Anti-Socialists, and of other general division of forces there is none. It is

campaign of abuse, passion, and prejudice. The leaders of all parties and all cliques seem to avoid every national question, and bid for support only on the ground that the other fellows are the blackest of rascals. One scandal of the multitude which fills the air deserves attention. It is a charge brought

by M. Dupas against both the Loubet and Ribot Ministries, and by implication against President Carnot. His allegation is that the Government was secretly protecting and negotiating with Arton, the bribery agent of Baron Reinach in the Panama scandal, while pretending to be in hot pursuit of him. It has a much sounder foundation than the ordinary election story. It is unfortunate that it appears just now, when all implicated can treat it as a campaign lie. There is ample evidence, aside true. Facts which are becoming known regarding this latest phase of the l'anama scandal corroborate all that was said in these despatches last winter, to the effect that the Government pretended virtue and that the investigation of the l'anama infamy was only a sham. The real truth about the political end of the Panama corruption never was allowed to be told and never will be told. Nearly all of the guiltiest blackmailers, who still control the Government of France, will be reflected in a week. Hence they will elect a President and divide all the spot's of public office among themselves. They will remain in power until some fresh exposure of their crimes exasperates the people to apply the traditional French remedy for an intolerable Government.

Dupas's revelations are naving a good deal of effect among the electors but in many cases these electors are powerless to express condemnation by votes. They are beginning to say they have only a choice of thieves between rival candidates. The situation, therefore, is fast becoming chaotic.

The past week has turned out a large crop of so-called duels, and some blood has been spilt at political meetings. The week remaining of the campaign is far too short for effective organization of any party of reform. The public temper is becoming ugly, and when election day arrives, it may take some interesting and

violent forms of expression in many places. Any attempt to forecast the result of the polling on Aug. 20 would be an idle waste of time. Confusion is promoted instead of allayed by candidates seeking reelection. because they believe, and rightly, that their chances are improved by the liquidators of the Panama company having taken this opportunity to begin suit against the contractors and bankers of the enterprise, including Sellyman Brothers, to recover 150,-000,000 francs, on the ground that the money was obtained under false pretences. It is safe to say that this move will yield nothing.

Recent attacks on M. Clémenceau have been followed by such a strong reaction that the indications are that this redoubtable Radical will be returned to the Chamber by his con-

The war crusade of the Paris press against Great Britain during the Slamese crisis has extended to the departments, where most rabid attacks on all things English fill the newspapers. There is no limit to this abuse, and one is strongly reminded of the press denunciations of Germany during the early months of 1870, before war was declared. The Minister of Public Works proposes a drastic remedy for train delays, the greatest

evil of French railways. He will introduce a bill when the next Chamber meets, imposing a fine of one franc a minute on all delays more than fifteen minutes.

The shareholders of the Revue des Deux

Mondes have elected Brunetière editor in place of Buloz, who absconded on account of the recent scandal. They voted a pension to Buloz in spite of his action. A forecast of the composition of the new

Chamber is: Government Republicans and Moderates, 320; Radicals, 80; Socialists, 41; Conservative Republicans, 60; Monarchists and Independents, 80; scattering, 3. Notes of Foreign Happenings.

The British steamer Ardangorm, Capt. Kin-ley, from Norfolk, via Newport News, on July 27, is ashore at diarrock Hed. in the Clyde, Tugs have been sent to her assistance.

The Pope has written a letter to M. de Curtius, chief of the Swiss Catholies, and organizer of the International Catholie Workingmen's Congress, saving that his Holiness approves of International legislation to protect workingwomen and children. The letter is designed to be a preparatory step toward holding an International Workingmen's Congress.

Business Rotices.

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DIED.

BURKE,-On Friday, Aug. 11, Ellen E. Hurke, nee tiardner, wife of James E. Burke ages 27 years.

The funeral will take place from her late residence,
414 Medison et . New York, on Monday, Aug. 14, ab 9:30 A. M., thence to St. Rose of Lima's Church, Cannon st, where a solemn requies mass will be said for the repose of her soni, Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Inter-

ment in Calvary Cometery.

CLINCII, .- In Brooklyn, ug. 10. James M. Clinch, Funeral will take place on Senday at 2 o'clock from 493 B-rgen st. Members of Typographical Union

PARNHAM .- Suddenly, on Auc. 11, at Clinton, Conn., William T Farmlam, aged 62 years, formerly of New York city.

Funeral services from his late residence, Clinton, Conu., Nonday, Aug. 14, at 12 M. Interment as

Grave Street Cemetery, New Haven, Conn., at 3 P. N. same day. Eirzabeth, N. J., papers please copy. LAND Y.—At Orient, Long Island, N. V., on Aug. 1 Kate L. Landy, wife of Prof. L. H. Landy.

Notice of funeral inter, MOONES. -On Aug. 11. Mrs. Maris O. H. Monney, aged 72 years. Funeral Sunday at 1 o'clock, from the Church of the

Reconciliation, 20th at the real 2d av

O'IS EX EEN. -On Friday, 11th list, after a lingering
illness, at the residence of his mirre. Mrs. Maurice

J. Power, 517 East 19th at Blebard O Brien, in the U3d year of his age. Native of Newmarket, county Cork, Ireland, and fifty years a resident of this city. Friends of the family and those of his brother Pate rick are invited to the funeral mass at lowelock Monday morning at Church of the Epiphany, 2d

av. and 21st at. Interment in Calvary Cemetery MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY, on the Long Island Rational, at Emple Grove Station. City office, 1,273 ff way.

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